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Mr. Richard L. Caspe, P.E. Director
Emergency & Remedial Response Division U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region II
26 Federal Plaza
New York, NY 10278

Dear Mr. Caspe:

Re: Hooker/Ruco Site #130004 Proposed Remedial Action Plan for Operable Unit 2

We have reviewed your proposed remedy for the PCB contaminated soils at the Hooker/Ruco site as outlined in the July, 1990, Proposed Remedial Action Plan, and find it acceptable.

The selected remedy, Alternative 10, includes excavation of PCB contaminated soils above 10 ppm, disposal of 10 to 500 ppm PCB contaminated soil (1074 cu. yds.) in a TSCA permitted chemical landfill, treatment of soil contaminated above 500 ppm (34 cu. yds.) at an off-site thermal destruction facility, backfilling with clean soil and repaving would provide a permanent remedy at the site. Our only concern is that the disposal of the 10 ppm to 500 ppm PCB contaminated soil in a chemical landfill would not reduce its toxicity or volume as is required under CERCLA section 121(b).

If there are any questions, please contact Kamal Gupta, of my staff, at (518) 457-3976.

Sincerely,

Michael J. O'Toole, Jr., P.E.

Director

Division of Hazardous Waste Remediation

cc: M. Hauptmann, USEPA, Region II